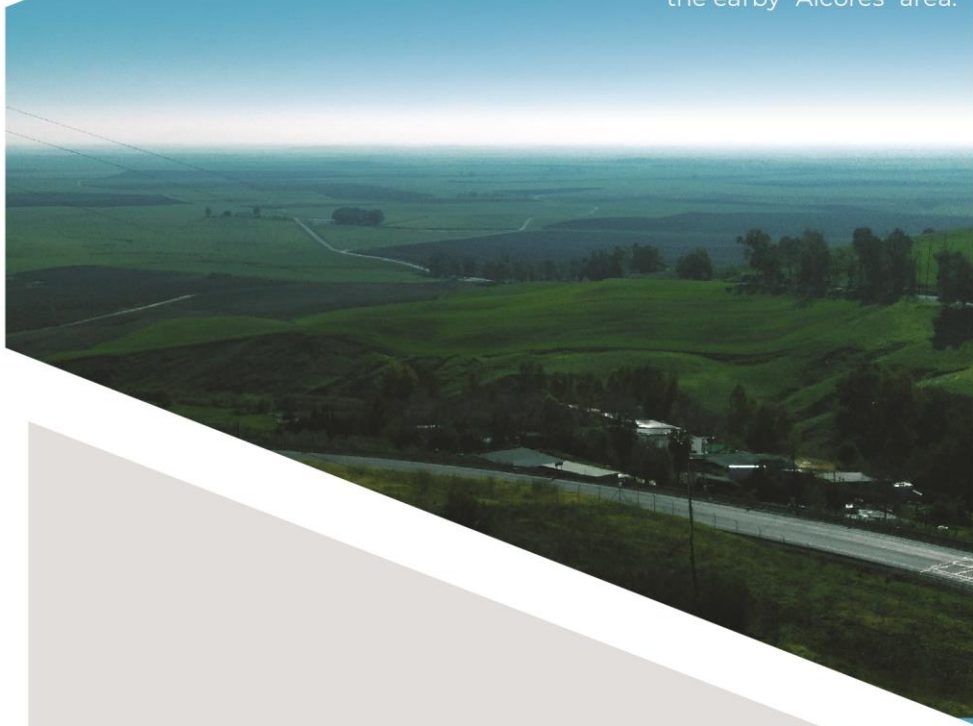


A **meeting place** of a curious variety of birds such as kites, swallows, kestrels and white storks.



Carmona's incomparable landscape combined with its rich cultural heritage have been recognized since 2014 when the town was named as a place of major cultural interest in Andalusia. From here, visitors can enjoy wonderful views of the surrounding "Vega" plains, as well as the early "Alcores" area.



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GUIDED VISITS
TO THE OLD KING PEDRO
THE FIRST FORTRESS



HISTORIC EVOLUTION

The King Pedro 1st fortress is located at the highest point of the town of Carmona, and **has dominated the surrounding area since the 7th century** when the Islamic Palace of the Governor of the territory surrounding "Qarmuna" was located here.

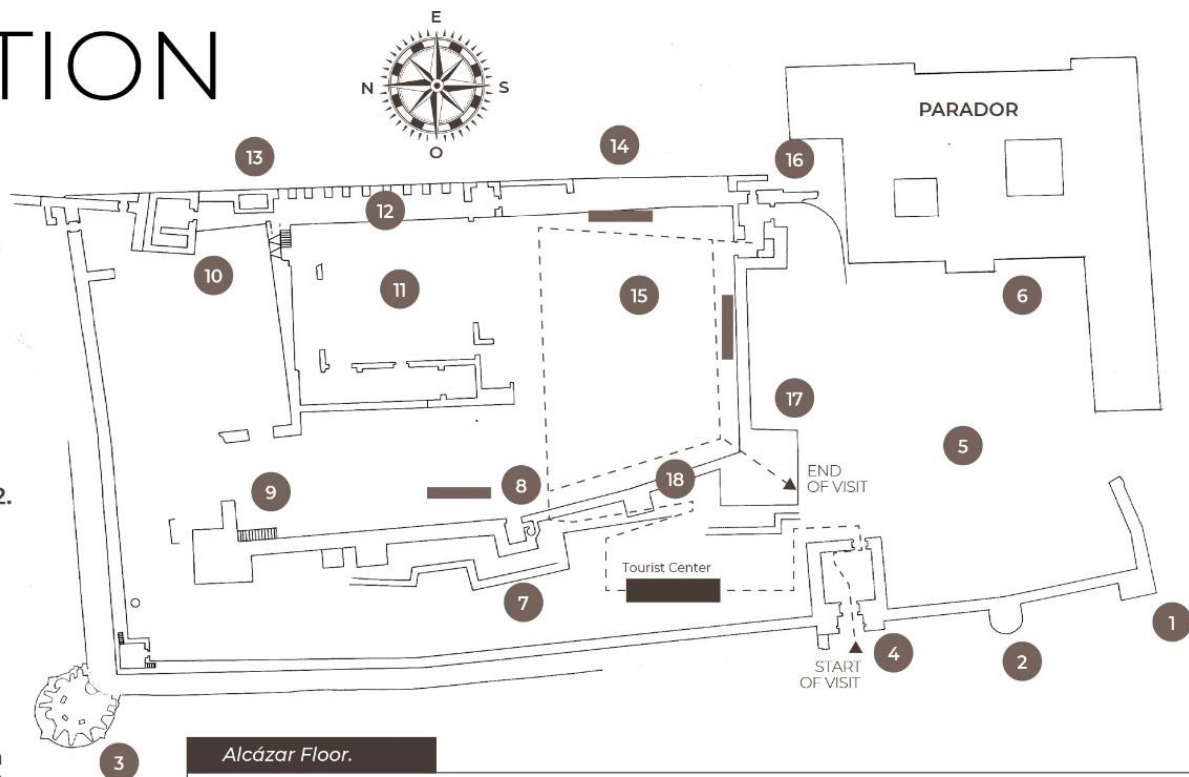
The building enjoyed **its greatest period of splendor under the reign of King Pedro 1st** in the 14th century. A new residential area was erected, which became one of the most important among the numerous castles in the province of Seville.

Another important period in the fort's long and distinguished history was between the 15th and 16th centuries when the government of the Spanish Monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella set down guidelines for the beautification of the building.

Particularly worthy of mention is "King's Chamber" as well as the "Balcony Room", not forgetting the artillery battery/arsenal structure known as the "Cubete".

Not only did the building have purely defensive and residential uses, as later **it was adapted to be used as a hospital during the outbreak of a devastating plague epidemic in 1649, and even, much later, as a Nazi military camp in 1942.**

During the visit, we will get to see the building's historic evolution, as well as **the reasons why the fortress was eventually abandoned**, finally ending up largely in ruins. In addition, we will get to know some important facts about the alterations, renovations and research that have been undertaken here and which have allowed us to gain a far deeper understanding and knowledge of this unrivalled building.



Alcázar Floor.

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| 1. The Marchena tower | 7. The Barbican. | 13. Water deposit/tank tower |
| 2. The Round tower | 8. The Throne or Royal Princes' tower | 14. The tile storeroom |
| 3. The "Cubete" arsenal | 9. Minor tower | 15. "Aljibe" ("water deposit/cistern") Courtyard |
| 4. Guardhouse | 10. The Homage tower | 16. The "Gate of Pity" |
| 5. Parade ground | 11. The Fountain courtyard | 17. The Gunpowder tower |
| 6. The Parador Hotel | 12. The Balcony Assembly room | 18. The Cistern tower |



View from the Gunpowder tower.